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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A spinal column support system, including a bone screw with an axially displaceable embodiment arranged above the bone screw shaft, a plate or rod arrangement with at least one opening into which the bone screw is screwed and an upper and lower disc which are mounted in the plate or rod at a distance from each other one over the other in a displaceable and positionable manner, and each including a hole through which the bone screw (16) is passed.

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